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SUBJECT: ACCESS Enhancements for Wisconsin Works

CROSS REFERENCE: ACCESS Handbook – Department of Health Services

Operations Memo 17-J4 Changes to Email Collection and

Electronic Correspondence

Operations Memo 17-07 Client Scheduling Policy Changes and

CWW Enhancement

EFFECTIVE DATE: APRIL 22, 2017

PURPOSE

The purpose of this memo is to provide an overview of the ACCESS systems changes made to display Wisconsin Works (W-2) case specific information.

BACKGROUND

ACCESS is a client facing web portal that provides self-service, case specific information regarding an applicant's or participant's FoodShare, Medicaid, or Child Care benefits, including program eligibility information. Until now, W-2 case specific information has not been available in ACCESS.

In an effort to make case information more accessible to its W-2 participants, the Bureau of Working Families has upgraded ACCESS to allow participants to view information related to their W-2 eligibility and case.

By providing participants and applicants with access to W-2 case information, the project achieves three main goals:

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• Provide automated information to participants and future applicants so that they can access it anytime without relying on W-2 staff;

- Increase accessibility to W-2 payment information and future appointments; and
- Improve the workflow by reducing the call volume for W-2 Agencies, Regional Offices, and the Customer Service Line.

POLICY

There are no policy changes.

ACCESS

Beginning April 22, 2017, W-2 case information will be available in ACCESS to W-2 participants.

SECURITY

Individuals who are the primary person, Eligible Adults (EA), or Included Adults (IA) in W-2 cases, may view all the screens associated with their W-2 case in ACCESS.

When there are adults in the household who are not eligible for W-2 and have no legal relationship to anyone in their W-2 Group [an Excluded Adult (XA)], these individuals are only able to view pages associated with their eligibility in their cases; they cannot view any other person's eligibility.

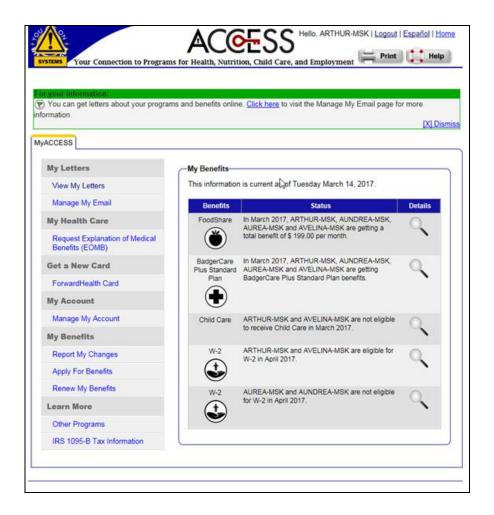
OTHER ACCESS CHANGES

ACCESS users will see the following changes and additions:

Landing Page

The Landing Page is the first page that an individual will see when they log into ACCESS.

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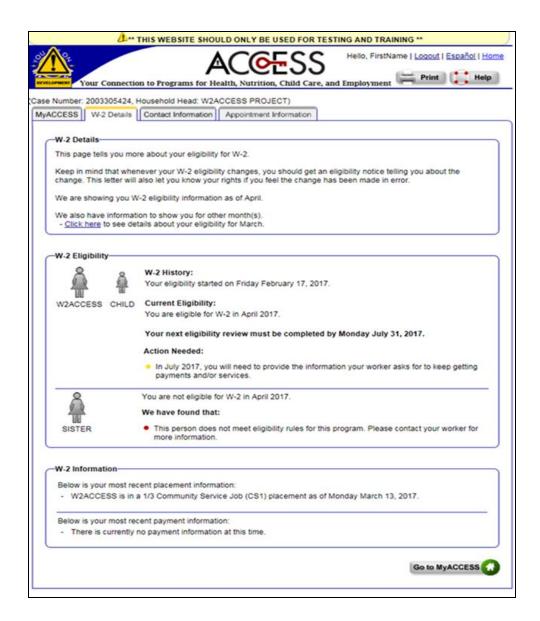


W-2 Details Page

From the Landing Page, information regarding W-2 eligibility is accessible by clicking on the magnifying glass icon next to the W-2 program. This leads the user to the "Check My Benefits" section, W-2 Details tab.

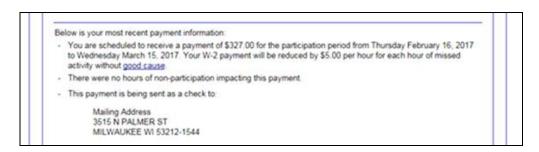
The W-2 Details tab provides the participant's W-2 eligibility and history of the current W-2 episode, when the next eligibility review is due, and any action that the participant needs to take. In addition, this tab identifies the current W-2 placement, any upcoming payment, and the delivery method and information of any upcoming payment.

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When a new paid placement begins, or an additional payment is created through the auxiliary process, the following information displays in the W-2 Information section of the W-2 Details page.

Initial eligibility intake with paid and delayed payment:



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Additional month payment:

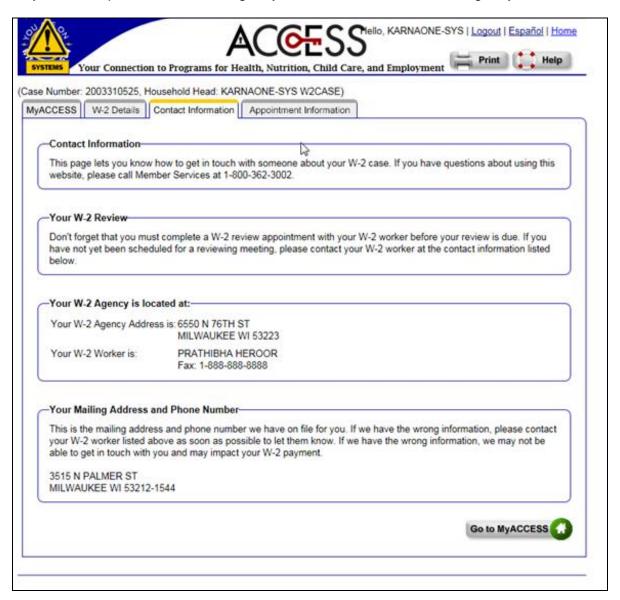
An additional payment of \$150.00 was issued on Wednesday March 1, 2017 and is being sent as a check to:

Mailing Address
3515 N PALMER ST
MILWAUKEE WI 53212-1544

- Note: it may take up to 7 days from the issuance date until you receive your payment.

Contact Information

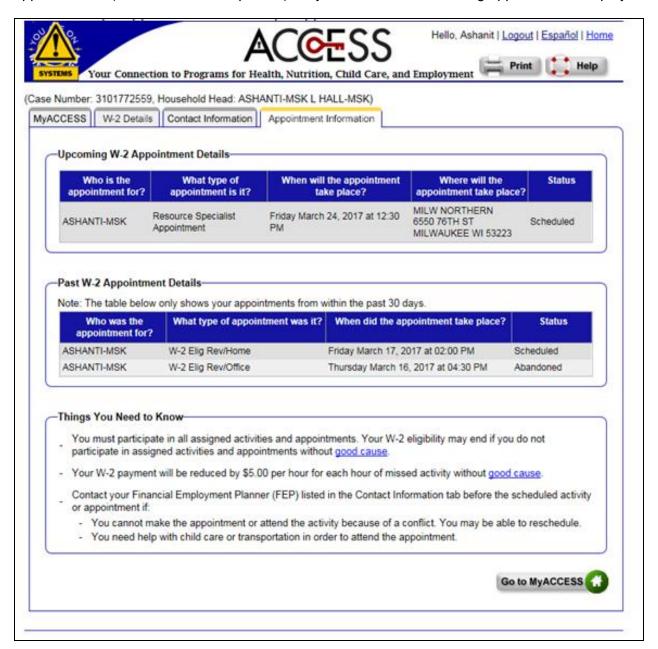
The Contact Information tab provides participants with information on how to contact the W-2 worker assigned to their case. This tab also displays participants' mailing address and phone number recorded in CARES Worker Web (CWW). In addition, this tab reminds participants that they must complete a six-month eligibility review in order to maintain eligibility.



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Appointment Information

The Appointment Information tab provides the participant with details of all upcoming W-2 appointments. It also lists W-2 appointments for the past 30 days and the status of those appointments. (CWW Process Help 1.8.8) Only CWW Client Scheduling appointments display.



CWW

To see what the participant can view in ACCESS, W-2 workers can use the Benefits Worker View link located in CWW under the "Worker Tools" section of the Navigation Menu. (ACCESS Handbook 4.2.10)

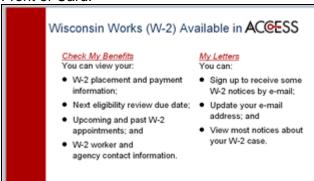
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AGENCY ACTION

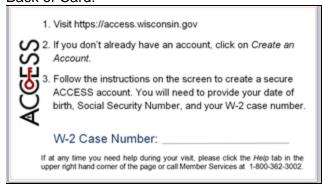
W-2 agencies must familiarize staff with these changes and update any relevant local agency procedures. Training materials on W-2 Access are available through the PTT Learning Center.

Agencies must inform all W-2 participants that W-2 case specific and eligibility information is now available in ACCESS. To assist with providing applicants and participants with the new ACCESS information available to them, W-2 agencies will receive a newly created business card for distribution. This business card provides instructions on how to create a new ACCESS account or log into an existing account, and what information applicants or participants can view in ACCESS.

Front of Card:



Back of Card:



CONTACTS

For W-2 Policy Questions in the Balance of State: Bureau of Regional Operations, W-2 Regional Coordinators

For W-2 Policy Questions in Milwaukee: Milwaukee Operations Section Regional Administrators

For W-2 CARES Processing Questions: W-2 Help Desk

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